U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY POLLUTION REPORT

I. HEADING

Date:

October 20, 1997

Subject:

Bossert Manufacturing Site Utical Oneida County, New York

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POLREP NO. 3

BACKGROUND II.

Site No .:

Delivery Order No.: 2101-02-010 Response Authority: CERCLA N/A

ERNS No.:

CERCLIS No .: NYD002249563 NPL Status: Non-NPL

Action Memo Status: Approved on 9/26/97

Start Date: 9/30/97 Demobilization Date: N/A N/A Completion Date:

III. SITE INFORMATION

A. Incident Category

CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility

B. Site Description

The Bossert Manufacturing Site (site) is an abandoned production facility located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The Bossert facility was used for the stamping, weldment, and fabrication of sheet metal items such as brake backing plates and steel floor grates from 1896 until the mid-1980's. During its operation, PCB oils were utilized in transformers and in hydraulic presses used in the manufacturing process. As a result of past manufacturing practices and salvage operations at the site, interior surfaces on floors and walls of the facility, as well as machinery and other structures within the building, became contaminated with PCBs.

CERCLA funds have been activated to abate the threat to public safety and the environment. Activity will include the off-site disposal of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of PCB contaminate debris, asbestos abatement, decontamination of mechanical and hydraulic presses, and the partial demolition/shoring of a building.

For a more detailed description, see Polrep No. 1 (Initial).

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation

1. Removal Actions to Date

10/13/97 - 10/17/97: On October 13, ERCS added two additional crew members from OnSite Environmental Staffing. Transportation and disposal (T&D) subcontractors visited the site on October 14 for a walkthrough to bid on the T&D of PCB contaminated debris presently staged in the trimmer room. Bids were due at the close of the week Wooden frames covered with poly sheeting were installed in the first floor windows of Room 7 where the decontamination area and equipment storage area are located. This will provide weather protection during the upcoming winter months. Large wooden doors were installed on the exterior entrance of the trimmer room to provide access for equipment during upcoming T&D. On October 16, ERCS began Level C cleanup work in the trimmer room. Activity consisted of clearing debris to create pathways for equipment and develop safer working conditions. Generator powered lighting was utilized for increased safety.

START completed the Draft Administrative Record and submitted it to the OSC for review and approval. Upon approval, the Administrative Record will be placed in the local repository for review by the public. START also continued to conduct contractor monitoring, health and safety oversight, technical support, and documentation throughout all site activity.

2. Enforcement

The PRP Search for the site has been initiated and enforcement efforts are continuing.

B. Planned Removal Actions

ERCS will award the T&D subcontract during the week of October 20. T&D of PCB contaminated debris is expected to begin during the week of October 27.

C. Key Issues

N/A

V. COST INFORMATION AS OF OCTOBER 20, 1997 *

ERCS Contractor	\$ 1,740,581
START Contractor Costs	124,914
Intramural Costs	203,555
TOTAL	\$ 2,069,050
Project Ceiling	\$ 5,990,000
Percent of Project Funds Remaining	65.5%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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